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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R.
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Sir:

This communication responds to the Examiner's statement of the reasons for allowance of the claims, contained within the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed May 4, 2007.

Before proceeding with the comments, Applicant notes that the issue fee for this application was paid on December 22, 2006. As such, no additional issue fee should be required.

Applicant wishes to comment on the Examiner's statements regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 1-5, 12, 13-16, and 17-23 by pointing out that the reasons set forth by the Examiner refer only to certain features of independent claims 1, 12, and 17 and are not the only

reasons that claims 1-5, 12, 13-16, and 17-23 are allowable. Claims 1, 12, and 17 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner or taught or suggested by the prior art. Additionally, each of dependent claims 2-5, 13-16 and 18-23 may include additional patentable features or combinations of features not mentioned by the Examiner.

As such, claims 1-5, 12, 13-16, and 17-23 may be patentable for reasons not mentioned by the Examiner as well as for those reasons mentioned by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TL J Otterlee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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